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The hygienic education of the people has met with great success. 744

A part of the health program of Albania is the improvement of sanitation in all the villages and towns.

The Albanian doctors are graduates of the medical schools of various foreign universities, mostly of Vienna, Austria, and are rapidly becoming specialists in their fields. 759

In addition to the hospitals, there are, naturally, clinics, dispensaries and other sanitary and hygienic institutions. 743

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To the Land of the Eagle

361 The village,[1] which is the birthplace of the wife of the national hero, Skanderbeg,—its only claim to notice, picturesqueness apart—possesses no inn or wine-shop, and I looked for refreshment in vain. It was a hot day and the walk up the hill had made me thirsty. Some men who met me in what I suppose was the market place, or centre of the village, gave me Turkish delight, good of its kind but hardly what I wanted after my climb in the hot sun, and with that I had to be satisfied. The village gave every sign of being an extremely poor one and many of the houses were in ruins. [291] There was a school in which sat a row of small boys all wearing their white fezzes, for the Moslem headcovering is worn both indoors and out. The castle I did not inspect. It looked more interesting from a distance, a remark which applies to Kanina as a whole.

164 The bane of Valona, as at Durazzo and elsewhere on the coast, is the mosquito, and the inhabitants of the district are great sufferers from the malaria it carries, as well as from 744 other diseases connected with or due to malaria. Certain philanthropic English people—of whom one of the most active is the Dowager Countess of Carnarvon, who has a small house at Valona—are doing what they can, with the limited funds and limited opportunities available, to help the local Albanians to fight the trouble. They have imported two nurses and three V.A.D. girls. The nurses work at the local hospital. The V.A.D. girls—voluntary helpers—superintend the measures which are being taken to treat, with petroleum and otherwise, the breeding and hibernating

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Kossovari Refugees

places of the mosquitoes. The mayor of Valona, whom I met several times, is a progressive man, and has given much assistance by providing labour for cleaning out and filling ditches and so forth. He was also, I believe, successful in persuading the Government to pay some portion, at all events, of the nurses' salaries. Apart from this, however, the financial responsibility is borne by contributors to "The Albanian Fund," which, in addition to providing help for the sufferers from malaria, attempts also to aid the Albanian refugees who are constantly arriving in a state of destitution from that portion of Serbia which at one time belonged, and, in the opinion of many, should still belong, to Albania. These unfortunate people are called Kossovari. The following extract from a copy of a report that was given to me by Lady Carnarvon is typical :—

"On arriving at Durazzo I visited a group of Kossovari who were scattered in villages one or two hours away. Their condition was most pitiable. Many had died of malaria, numbers of the survivors were sick—I found in one house six, in another nine out of a family of eleven, prostrate on the ground. Some were able to work, but there was no work to be had, for the summer work was over. If it had not been for the maize given by the American Red Cross, they would have died—and the maize was coming to an end."

The story of the Kossovari refugees as set out in the report throws a painful light on the pitiable position of